

Republican Plan to Fix the Democrat Omnibus Spending Bill

The House-passed “continuing resolution” (H.J. Res. 20) is, in fact, a \$464 billion omnibus spending bill that makes major policy changes and shifts billions of dollars away from important national priorities. The omnibus is a flawed proposal and should be fixed before it becomes law.

Republicans will offer several amendments to improve this omnibus. For example . . .

The Democrats promised to support our troops, but this bill will delay the return of U.S. troops serving overseas.

Republicans intend to offer a budget neutral amendment to restore \$3 billion in funding for the U.S. military. More than 12,000 American troops serving overseas will be unable to come home if the Democrat spending plan becomes law. The barracks necessary to house these returning troops are not funded in this spending plan. *The Senate Democrat majority will not allow the Senate to vote on supporting the troops and now they are preventing troops from coming home.*

The Democrats promised not to change policy through a spending bill, but now have eliminated a bipartisan Baby AIDS prevention program.

Republicans intend to offer an amendment to ensure that more than \$30 million dedicated to this lifesaving Baby AIDS program is not blocked by this omnibus.

The Democrats promised earmark reform, but are allowing backdoor earmarking.

Republicans intend to offer an amendment to protect taxpayer funds by guaranteeing that the omnibus is truly earmark-free and by preventing backroom deals to fund wasteful programs after this bill has passed.

The Democrats promised to be sensitive to those most in need of assistance, but their omnibus steals money from crime victims by raiding the Crime Victims Fund.

Republicans intend to offer an amendment to ensure that money in the Crime Victims Fund goes to the victims, not other government programs.